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Community gardens allowed to open, with precautions. See page 2.

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Sign of Spring
It's nearly time to bloom for this tulip at the cenotaph in Haliburton, one of 200 flowers planted last autumn by the Haliburton Legion branch and Master Gardeners to mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of The Netherlands by Canadian soldiers during the Second World War. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Community gardens considered 'essential,' must adhere to health unit checklist

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

Community gardens such as this one in Eagle Lake will have to adhere to the recommendations of the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, which include a checklist of obligations. Among the minimum practices include entrance restriction, physical distancing, hand hygiene, and safe practices regarding use of tools and other equipment./DARREN LUM Staff

Community gardeners are happy to hear that the province has designated community gardens "essential" during the coronavirus pandemic.

Operations this year come with a safety checklist from the Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit including physical distancing and hand hygiene, safe practices with garden equipment and tools, and regular cleaning of high contact areas.

The Haliburton Highlands Community Garden Network lists five gardens that provide individuals, families and organizations an opportunity to grow produce for personal use and for donations.

Eagle Lake resident Nancy McLuskey said she is happy about the province's decision to consider community gardens essential and a source of fresh food for people.

"It's lovely to go down there early in the morning, or late in the evening and water the plants and then just sit. The deer wander through every once in a while and it's just a very peaceful spot to be," she said.

She said she isn't a good gardener, but has improved her skills and expanded her knowledge by participating in the Eagle Lake Community Garden.

"I am personally, which I hate to admit, not a gardener," she said. "I'm kind of the contact for the garden, but I'm not actually a talented gardener. I'm learning."

People at the community garden can work on their own plot or be assigned a group like McLuskey.

The first time she ever really gardened was when pastor Garry Swagerman said he wanted to start a garden in the field owned by the church.

McLuskey said the garden needs more volunteers. Those interested don't have to be residents of Eagle Lake or have any affiliation with the church.

Although you can plant seeds close to the third week of May, or the May long-weekend, planting anything else should be done later to avoid the frost. A typical season in Eagle Lake goes until the first frost, which can be late-September. Last year, the pumpkins were harvested just before Thanksgiving.

They hope to grow potatoes this year for the food bank.

Kate Hall, public health food worker with the health unit, welcomes the food bank contribution and referenced the Grow a Row program, which encourages gardeners to allocate a portion of their yield for food banks, which are in higher demand during this health crisis. Hall suggested those intending to grow produce for the food bank contact them first to find out what they need.

During the pandemic, there was a national effort to deem community gardens essential, led in Ontario by Sustain Ontario, a sub-group of Ontario Community Growing Network.

Hall said there are many reasons to grow your own food.

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Gardening is an activity for our times

from page 2

"Being able to grow your own food is incredibly meaningful, but also very practical. It's healthy. It's nutritious. It's as local as you can get it. So being able to start that growing season and have that planning happen, particularly with community gardens because they would start meeting right now [is important]. Some community gardens share the growing space and they need to plan out what they're going to grow for the season and when people are going to come out and how that can happen," she said.

Gardening gets people outside at a time when people are looking for things to do.

"It still allows people to go out and to be out in the fresh air. To be digging in the dirt and doing something meaningful that, again, they have control over. So, I think, in these times when we feel like so many things are out of our control that we can go to the garden and we're growing food for ourselves. That's a good thing. You can still be social in the garden, but from a distance. And so it's a great activity for the times that we're in. We can still be safe and do that activity," she said.

With the current state of the world, dealing with COVID-19, she said there is a renewed interest in gardening for food.

"How can we be a little more self-sustaining and a little more resilient, as individuals, as a family and as a community? Community gardens can certainly play an important role there," she said.

Check the garden network's website for plot availability and information on the gardens at www.haliburtoncountyfoodnet.com/community-gardens1.html. Each location's group will be examining the checklist and how they can adhere to the new practices. The Haliburton site on Victoria Street is interested in moving forward this year, but is first considering the health unit's checklist before proceeding. The three Highlands East gardens located in Wilberforce, Highlands Grove and Gooderham are inactive due to a lack of interest.

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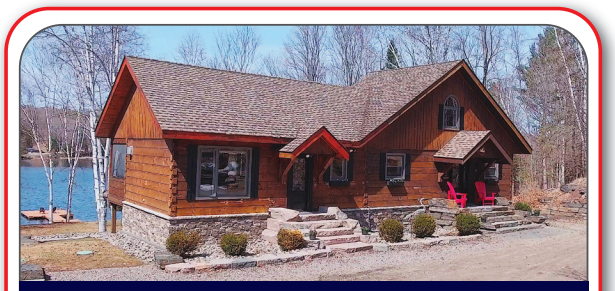

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Calling Out COVID-19 to Protect Public Health

PHONES ARE AN ESSENTIAL TOOL in the fight against COVID-19. For weeks now, Health Unit nurses and other staff have worked the phones on days, evenings and weekends. Initially, it was answering hundreds of your questions/concerns. Recently, our focus has shifted to doing follow-ups and regular check-ins with people and places affected by the coronavirus.

There are two main types of calls that the Health Unit is currently doing.

The first is case and contact management, a strategy that's been used for years by public health to trace and track other diseases, including tuberculosis and sexually transmitted infections. What's new with COVID-19 is the size and scope of our case follow-up, and the ever-changing definitions and directives to follow.

KRISTINA NAIRN
Public Health Nurse
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Health Unit

Think of case and contact management as assembling a giant jigsaw puzzle. With accurate, up-to-date information, we know who needs to self-isolate, as well as any of their close contacts, to contain the spread and exposure to COVID-19.

This is how it works. Health Unit staff like me will follow up with people who have tested positive for COVID-19. Over the phone, we discuss their symptoms, how to self-isolate for 14 days, and what extra supports they need to follow the rules, including arranging to have someone get groceries for them while they're in self-isolation.

Another part of case/contact management is following up with others who were in close contact with the person who has COVID-19. They could be partners, children or others who live in the same home; friends or neighbours; or co-workers. By tracing these contacts, we can discuss with them any exposure or symptoms they may have, and which precautions they need to take (like self-isolating) to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The other type of call we're doing is medical surveillance. This involves Health Unit staff speaking daily by phone with those in self-isolation due to COVID-19 and their close contacts, ensuring they're staying home and doing all right. During these daily calls, we'll check their symptoms/conditions aren't getting worse and that they continue to have the supports they need. Health Unit staff get to know these individuals very well through these daily contacts, which continue until they are cleared from self-isolation.

Our phone conversations aren't limited to individuals. Health Unit staff also work closely with hospitals, long-term care and retirement homes, municipalities, homeless shelters, group homes and other venues to help with planning and monitoring related to COVID-19. We offer guidance, resources and support as needed.

Normally as a nurse, I work with vulnerable populations and agencies that support them. Now that I'm doing COVID-19 response, I use that same approach, not just explaining how to self-isolate, but helping identify barriers for people like getting food, paying rent and dealing with emotional impacts of these changes on their lives and what's needed to improve their situations.

It's important for me to help people in whatever way COVID-19 is affecting their lives. Working directly with individuals or community partners is rewarding. Prevention is such a critical tool, and the people I call or work with want to do whatever they can to protect their health and promote the well-being of friends, neighbours, clients and the entire community.

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Top 10 things you can learn from a puppy

THIS WEEK, I finally picked up my English springer spaniel pup. Rosie has been a fine addition to our household. Better still, she has also taught me a thing or two about life. Here are the top 10:

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4. Everything can be solved with a good walk.
5. No matter how many toys the other dog has, it wants yours.
6. People aren't that hard to train.
7. All anyone wants you to do is go to the washroom in the right place.
8. Most people sleep in past 5 a.m.
9. Life is better when you're off the leash.
10. My maturity level is best measured in dog years.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Spring is the perfect time of year to get outside and observe nature before the black flies and mosquitoes come out. Laura Smith took this photo of her neighbourhood squirrel while she was enjoying the warm weather. /LAURA SMITH Staff

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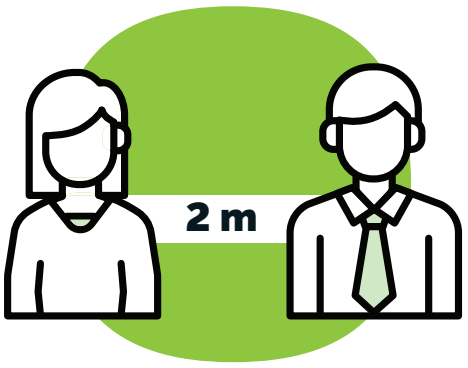

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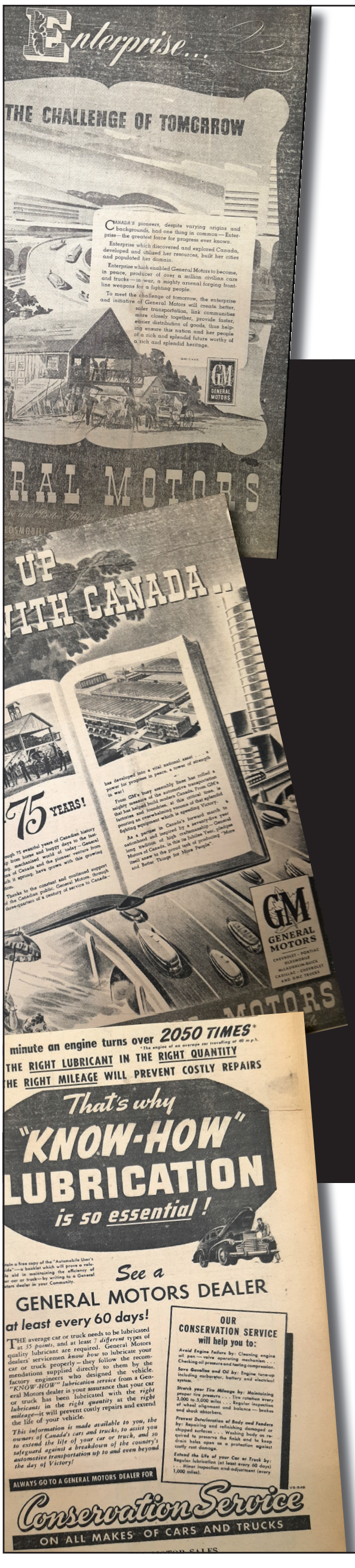
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Company's charitable spirit is through the roof

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A local roofing company has pledged to donate $300 from each roofing job they complete in 2020, to be divided among three local charities. Owned and operated by Cory and Melissa Valentini, Up Right Roofing is based out of Wilberforce and has been servicing the Haliburton and Bancroft area for four years.

"We're so grateful that in the four years that we've been here, we've been embraced by this community," said Melissa. "It's a great place to call home. And that's why we're happy to give back."

The three charities Up Right Roofing has decided to support are the Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents; the YWCA Peterborough-Haliburton; and SIRCH Community Services. Each charity will receive $100 per completed roofing project.

Cory said that Melissa and he had been talking about how they could help people and decided their money would be best used by established charities. "We found that professionally, they are the ones to help there," said Cory. "They have already got things in place. So we'll try and do our best to help them help others."

Melissa said it's always been in the back of her and Cory's mind that they wanted to contribute to the community. She said the onset of COVID-19 pushed that idea to the forefront because many charities have a much more crucial need for help now.

"We have seen through families that these organizations have had a positive impact on people's lives," said Melissa. "It just feels good to give back and feels good to know that as we're successful, that we're able to help other people and help these organizations be more successful with their initiatives."

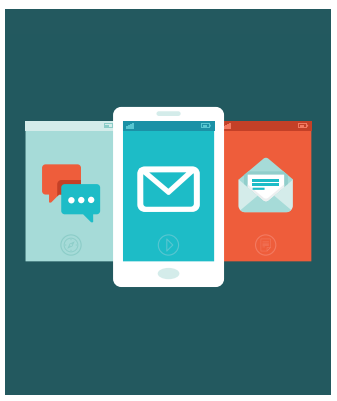
> *"We have seen through families that these organizations have had a positive impact on people's lives.*
>
> — Melissa Valentini

Marg Cox, executive director at Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, said the organization is thrilled to be able to extend their ability to support community members as a result of Up Right Roofing's generosity.

Gena Robertson, executive director at SIRCH Community Services, said that with Up Right's new initiative everyone in the community wins and sends her thanks to Melissa and Cory.

Kim Dolan, executive director at YWCA Peterborough-Haliburton, said Up Right Roofing's generosity is helping to ensure they can continue to meet the community's growing needs, at a time when women who experience violence are finding it more challenging than ever to safely access resources and support. "We're deeply grateful for this compassionate partnership," said Dolan.

Co-owner of Up Right Roofing, Cory Valentini, is donating $300 per completed roofing contract to three local charities in 2020. /Submitted by Melissa Valentini



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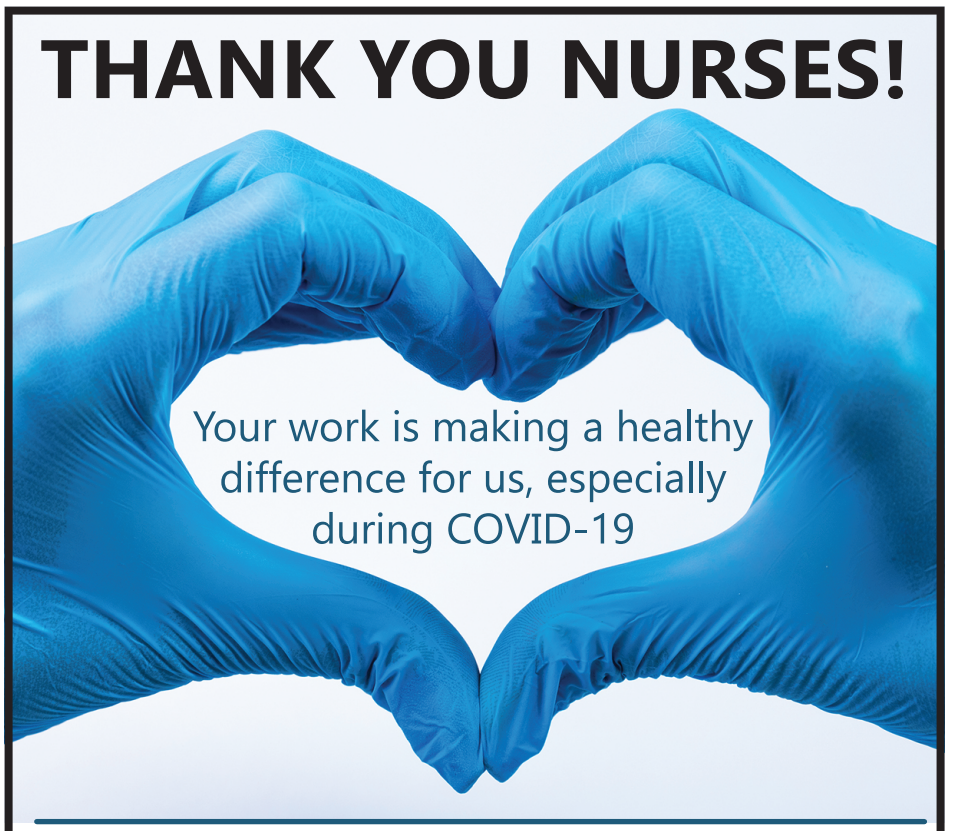
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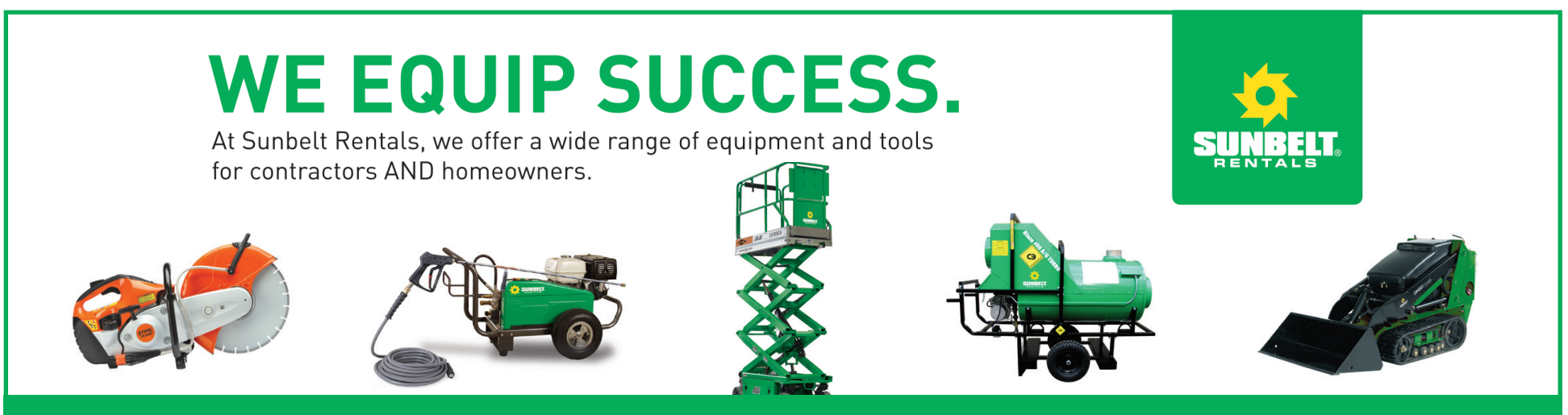
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Land trust wants you to share your backyard discoveries

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust wants community members to explore their own backyards and share photos of the feathered friends they find.

Although the Discovery Days outdoor educational programming had to be cancelled as a coronavirus precaution, the Highlands-based conservation group is still encouraging people to get outside and learn about nature.

Called My Backyard Challenge, people of all ages are asked to take photos and post them to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Facebook page starting May 9, or email them to admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca with "My Backyard" as a subject line. Winners will be announced at the end of each challenge.

The first challenge is to take photos of birds and other flying creatures such as butterflies and insects. The land trust reminds people to observe the province's COVID-19 guidelines while doing the challenge. Birder Ed Poropat is providing assistance to those wondering what critters they have discovered.

To further encourage people to continue protecting the environment, the land trust is offering online programming, starting with the installation of bird boxes. Video of how to install a bird box with Thom Lambert will be posted to the organization's website later in May and bird box patterns will be available for those who'd like to build their own. Sticks and Stones Productions is filming the installation.

In early summer, the Discovery Days online will offer virtual visit to Dave Bathe's farm as he listens for the call of the whip-poor-will. Whip-poor-wills are medium-sized birds, known for calling during moonlit nights. Previous video made at Bathe's property is available to watch on the land trust's website now.

Partial financial support for the online Discovery Days is provided by TD Friends of the Environment.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust reminds the public that the Dahl Forest and Barnum Creek Nature Reserve are both closed to the public. The Dahl Forest is closed as per provincial COVID-19 guidelines; Barnum Creek hasn't yet had its grand opening. News of both will be posted online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

Staff

Redpolls compete for seed at the backyard feeder. The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust wants to see your pictures of the birds and other flying creatures you find around your house. /JENN WATT Staff

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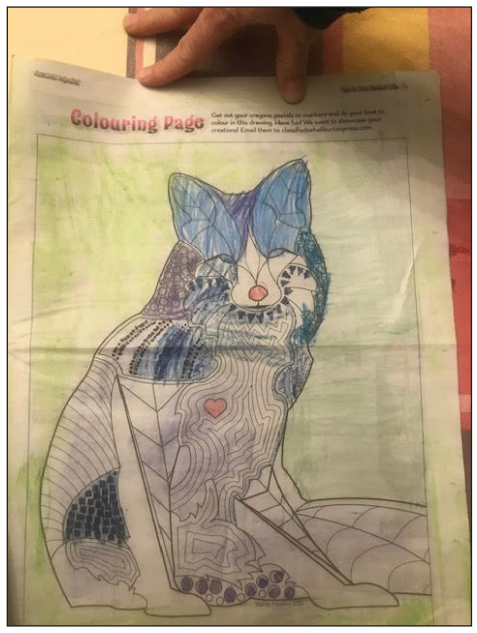

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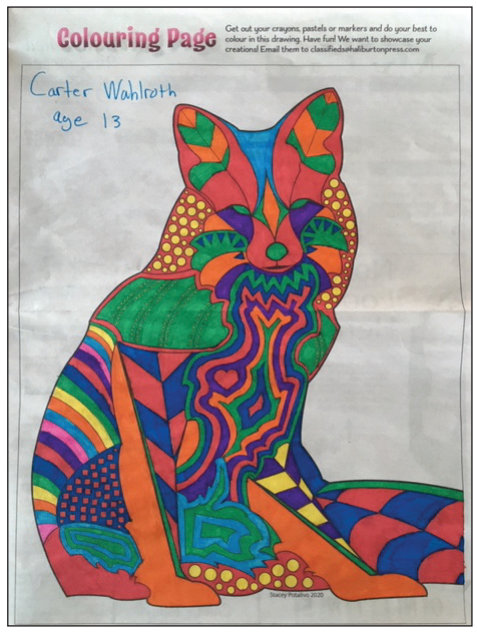
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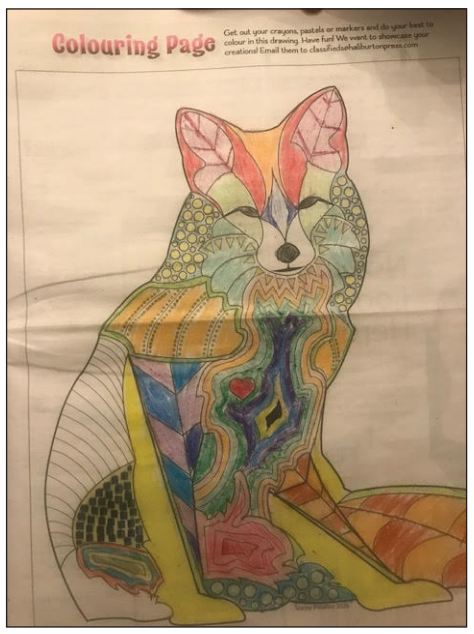
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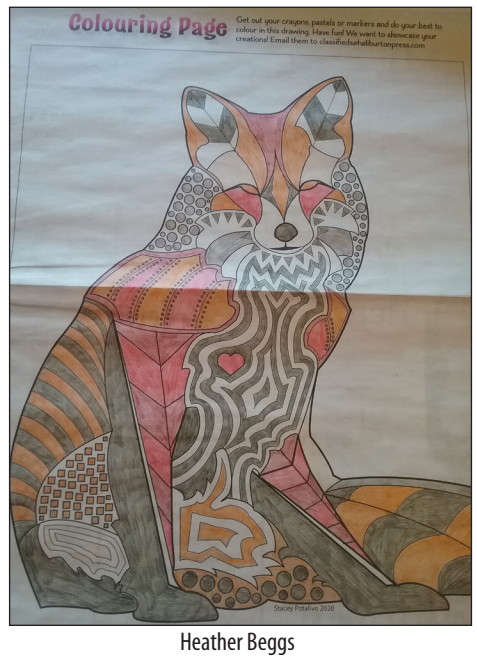
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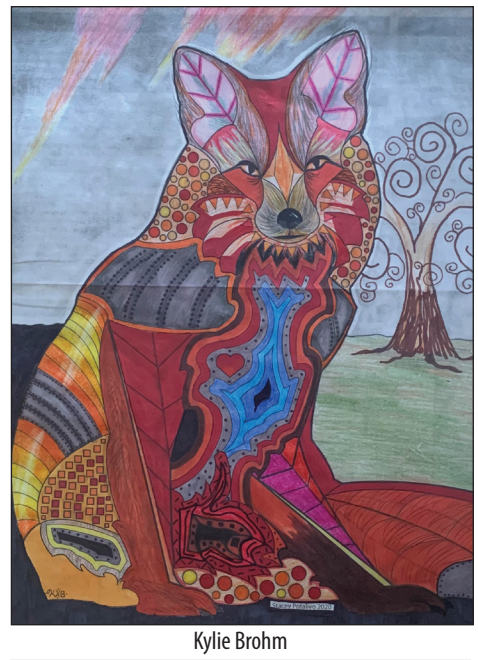

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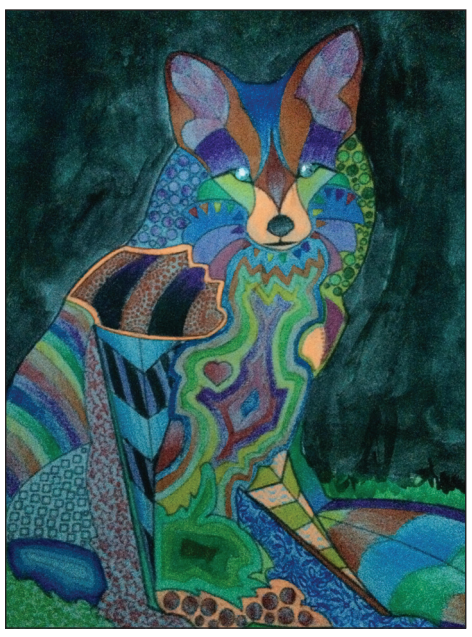

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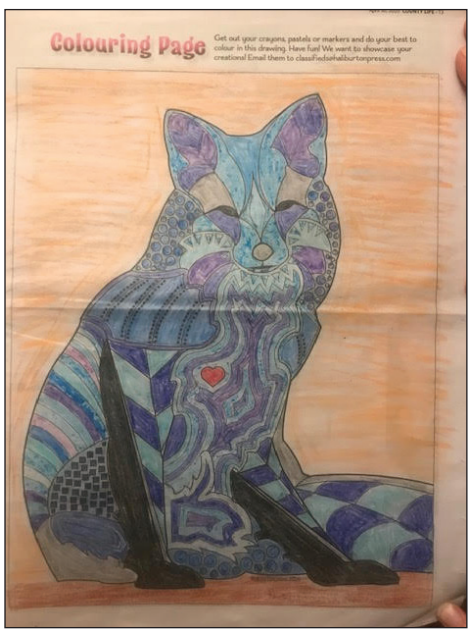
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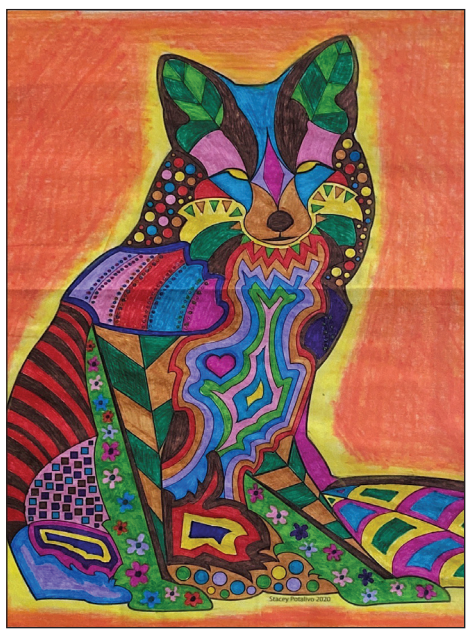

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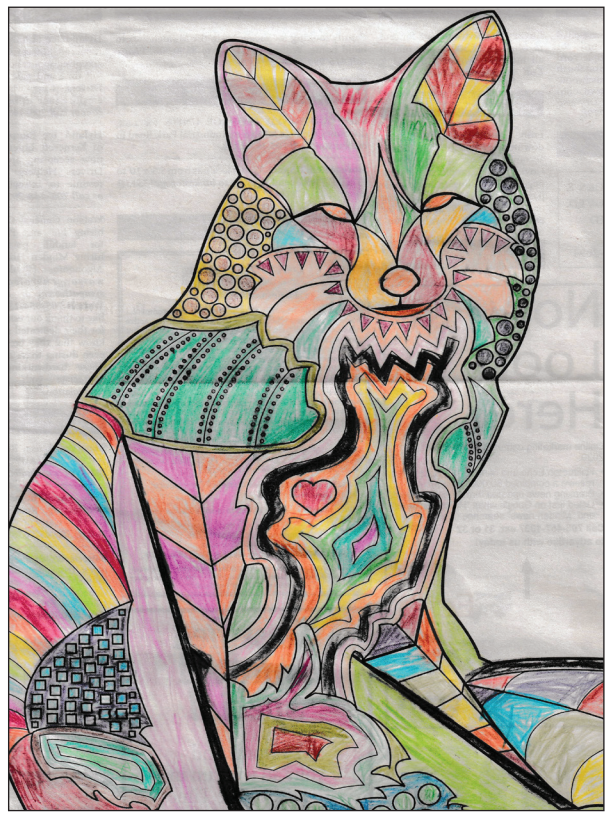

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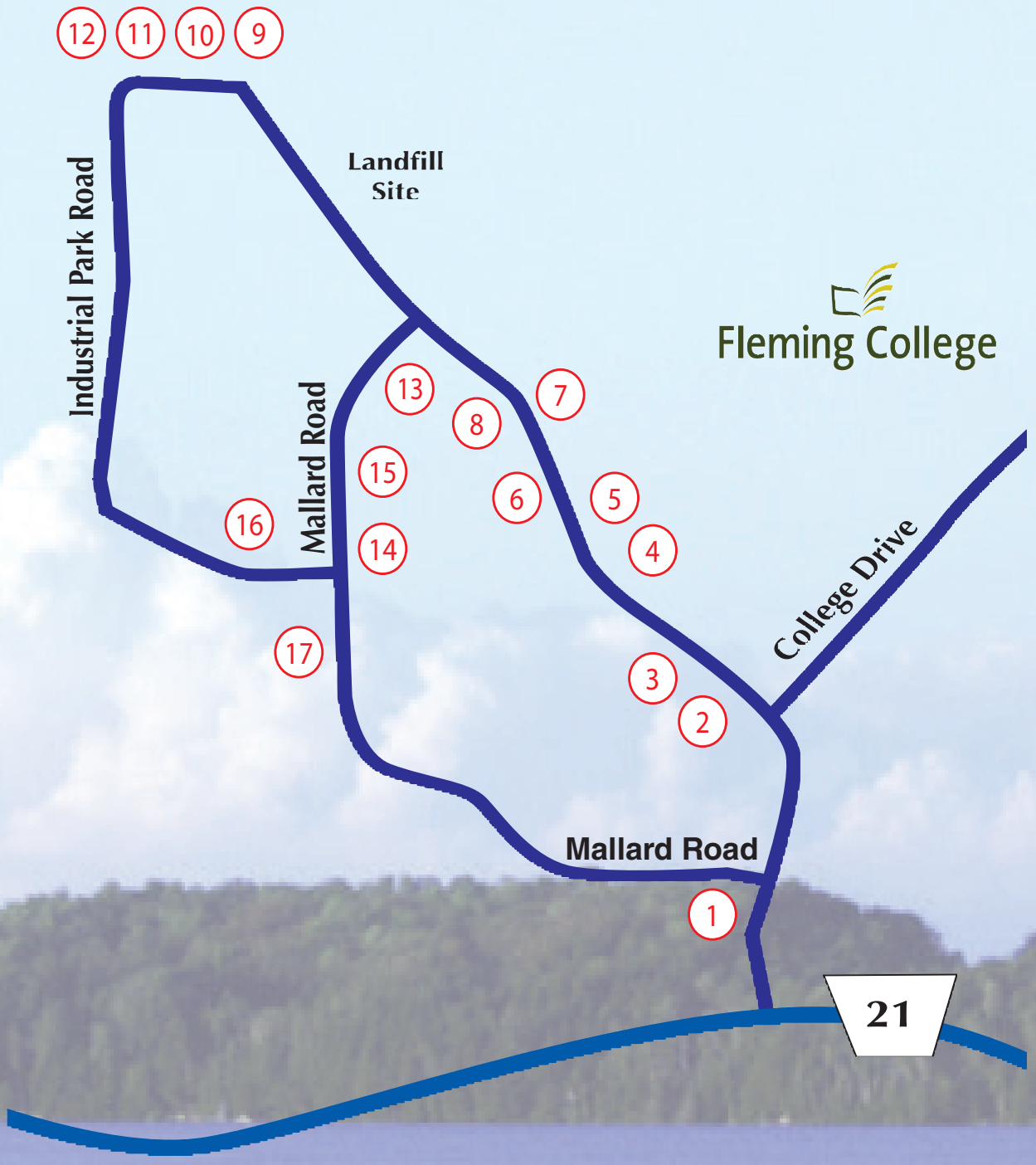

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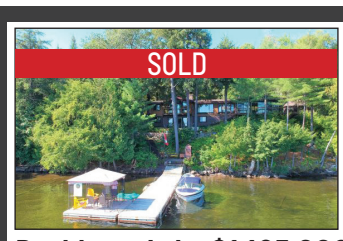

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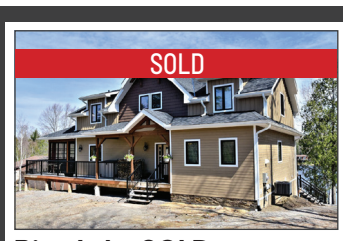

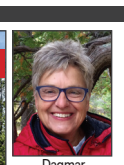

Dagmar Boettcher**
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Pine Lake SOLD

- 5 bdrm 5 bath Colonial Concepts home
- 104 ft waterfront in Gooderham
- Separate garage and storage bld
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Andy Campbell
854-0292

Gull Lake $799,000

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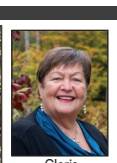

Gloria Carnochan*
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Little Redstone $425,000

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- no septic/water, level lot/views, swimming
- Cottage sits close to the lake, great starter

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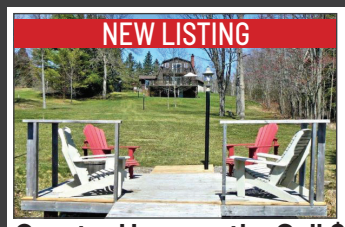

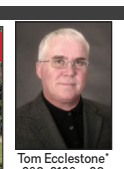

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Country Home on the Gull $579,000

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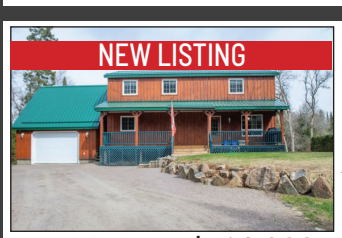

Andrew Hodgson***
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Irondale River $439,000

- Beautifully maintained home or cottage on a spacious lot
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& Andy Mosher**
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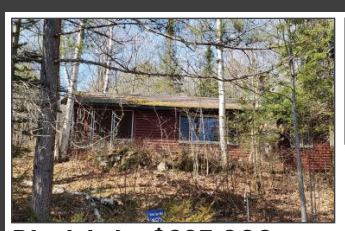

David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

Black Lake $225,000

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- 2 bedrooms + loft for overflow
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Brandon Nimigon*
457-2128 x 27

East Moore Lake $799,000

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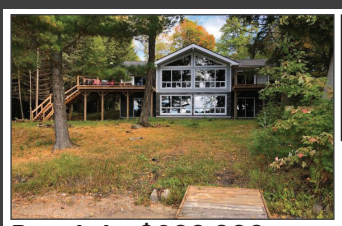

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Ross Lake $600,000

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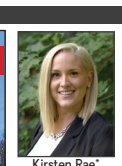

Kirsten Rae*
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Industrial Park Rd $1,350,000

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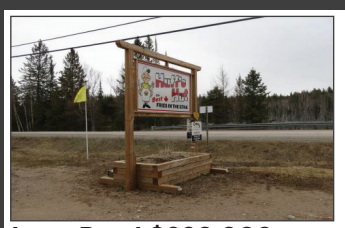

Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Loop Road $220,000

- Food Truck and 1100+ sq.ft building with multiple uses.
- Good location.

Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

Soyers Lake $474,900

- Quiet bay, 344' waterfront
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Greg Stamp*
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Miskwabi Lake $449,000

- Idyllic 1920 Sq Ft country home
- 2+2 Bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms
- Open concept living, fully renovated
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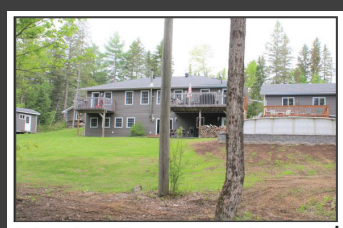

Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Minden Executive Home $549,000

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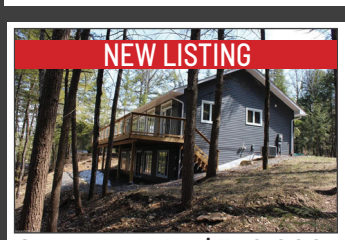

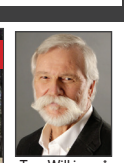

Tom Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 25

Cameron Lake $750,000

- 1-year old construction, shows like a model
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Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Percy Lake $675,000

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Sea of daffodils

Sun disc daffodils

Social Distancing will be good for my garden: racing against daffodils

Part of a series of garden tasks we can complete while practicing social distancing

Garden Musings

Belinda Gallagher

SPRING OR FALL? That is the often-asked question when discussing garden cleanup. Those who prefer cutting down the perennials and tidying up in September cite experts who suggest pests overwinter in the debris and smothering layers of leaves can rot plants. The spring cleanup advocates argue that the debris harbours beneficial insects, seed heads provide food for wintering birds and dried plant material catches snow that in turn insulates the plant crowns.

For many years I have been a fan of spring cleanup since a garden tidied in the fall will also need some cleaning and raking of winter debris. My thought – why do the job twice?

However, as I get older, I am seeing a hidden benefit of doing some of the work in the fall. And it is all about the daffodils.

At our last home I spent 19 years planting thousands of spring flowering bulbs – the bright colours being a tonic for the soul after long winters. When we moved to Tory Hill nine years ago, I knew I would have to cram the planting into a shorter time span so I took just three years to add about 10,000 bulbs, mostly daffodils. (Yes, eccentric plant-a-holic lives here, for sure!)

Daffodils are remarkable plants. The bulbs are easy to plant – in the fall when there are fewer tasks in the garden. They are pest, disease, rodent and deer resistant due to their toxicity. They require no watering or fertilizing or dividing. They are perfect low care flowers preferring a sunny location to thrive. But it only needs to be sunny in spring and early summer when the daffodil leaves need sun to feed the bulbs for next year. It means they can be planted under deciduous trees like birches and maples that leaf out when daffs go dormant.

But, and it is a big but, daffodils don't wait for the gardener to clean the flowerbeds. They bloom on a rigid schedule, each variety flowering at its appointed time from mid-March through late May.

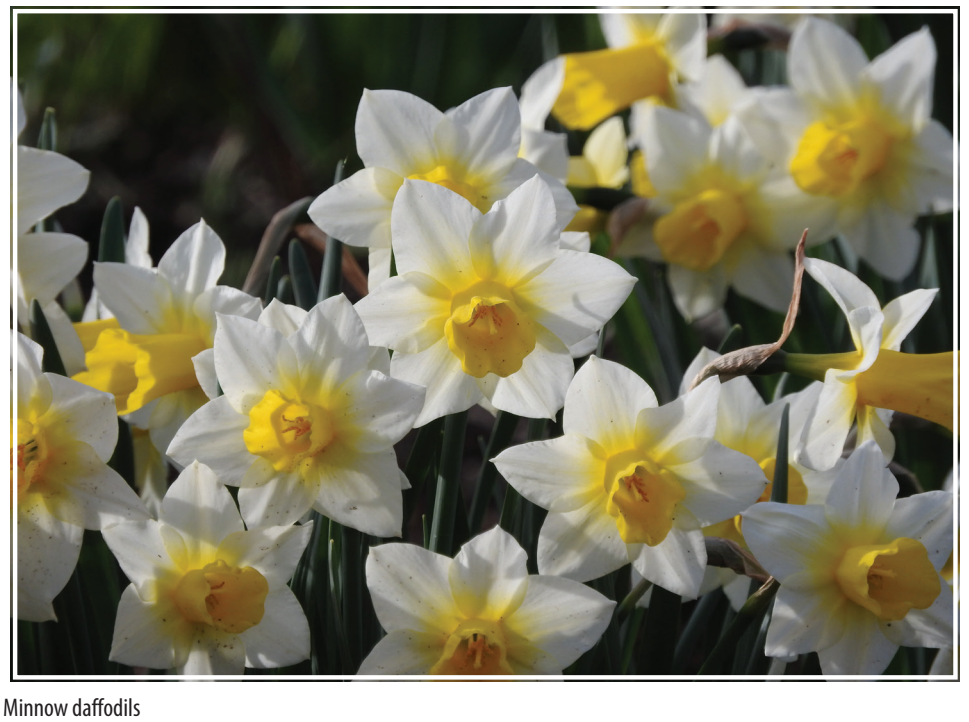
I barely beat "Jetfire" and "February Gold," two of the first to open. They are planted amongst the native Prairie dropseed grasses that I wrote about in the *Haliburton Echo* last week. It is the very first area of the garden that must be clipped and cleaned. The re-curved petals of "Jetfire" remind me of those Rolls Royce hood ornaments with wings held back and it is one of my favourite cultivars.

Pale yellow "Minnow" and the diminutive "Pipit" are, unfortunately, flowering amongst last year's detritus. Both have a sweet scent and I am sorry that the dead leaves of perennial gaillardia are hiding the little blooms.

Today it is snowing and that means it will be a mad dash in the race to rescue pink-cupped "High Society," butterfly shaped "Tritomba" and the flat yellow faces of "Sun Disc" from the patch of garden phlox and purple coneflower.

On the plus side, as slow as I am in spring cleanup, I always finish before "Tahiti," a ruffled orange-red double and the Royal Horticultural Society award-winning "Thalia." Win or lose, racing against daffodils makes social distancing a little easier to endure.

Jetfire daffodil



Minnow daffodils

Double daffodil

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Consider postponing that garage sale

The health unit is discouraging residents from having yard and garage sales during the coronavirus pandemic, which they say could increase the chance of exposure to the virus.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit issued its recommendation ahead of the May long weekend, since that typically signals the beginning of yard sale season – and spring cleaning.

"The nicer weather means many people may be spring cleaning and looking to sell and get rid of unwanted items," said Lynne Franke, manager of organizational initiatives with the health unit. "This year because of the coronavirus pandemic, the health unit urges you to postpone holding a garage sale. Doing so will protect you, your loved ones and your community from getting sick with COVID-19."

Garage sales are not prohibited by the provincial government, however, some of Ontario's municipalities have banned them during the pandemic. There are no bylaws in Haliburton County regarding yard and garage sales, but Franke said she advises postponing such events voluntarily. There is a provincial ban on gatherings of more than five people.

"Hosting a garage or yard sale can put you and those who attend it in harm's way," she said. "Unlike stores that are required to put in safety measures to protect employees and customers, garage and yard sales do not have those precautions. There's also the fact that the COVID-19 virus can survive on different surfaces for different lengths of time, meaning potential buyers who touch or pick up items at a sale could be exposing themselves to illness."

It is hard to maintain the six-foot physical distance advised while at garage sales and many people who go to one sale will also visit many others, which again increases the risk of spreading the virus.

Staff

Flowers curbside

Above, it was curbside pick-up and service only leading up to Mother's Day at Country Rose Garden Centre in Haliburton. Owners have had to make major adjustments to ensure COVID-19 protocols are observed. /DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Highlands resident Gary Burtch waits to complete his flower purchase at Country Rose, which was open during the week before Mother's Day. Burtch made his purchase outside the building.

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Reaction to panel's recommendation to change system's governance well received

A GALA NIGHT FOR ARTISTS
There were 14 pages of nominations for 2008 arts awards; recipients announced

Potential lockout at county after talks stall

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

Labour relations are tense between Haliburton County's staff and management after contract negotiations stalled late last week.

The county officially gave up on bargaining with one of its unions Friday, filing for a "no-board report," which could put them in a position for a lockout or strike in the coming month.

"If the no-board is issued [May 6], the union would be in a strike position May 23. It is 17 days after the no-board is actually issued," said Alison Davidson, the national representative for the Canadian Union of Public Employees in an interview Monday.

A strike by local 1960's 33 members or a lockout by management would affect road paving and resurfacing, equipment operations, the tourism department, administrative, engineering, planning and accounting services among others.

See **County** *page 8*

Declining enrolment will be felt at Hal High

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Every teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will have a job this September – it just won't necessarily be at Hal High, says a superintendent of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Paul Doiron says that seven years of enrollment decline at the elementary level are about to be felt at the high school level.

"The Grade 8 classes are larger than the Grade 7 classes, which are larger than the Grade 6 classes," he told the *Echo*. "We've been registering smaller classes every year for seven years. Now it will have an impact on the high school level for the next seven years at least, unless we get a large growth of families moving into the area."

He estimates that 50 fewer students will be sitting in HHSS classrooms in the fall. Total enrollment will be 650 students, down from 700 this semester.

Fewer students means fewer teachers are needed to teach them.

Even though this trend is being felt throughout the district – indeed, throughout the province – Doiron says that Trillium Lakelands will not be laying off any

See **Teachers** *page 8*

GREG HOEKSTRA/Echo

Groovin'

The Tri-Vocals – Elly Malcomson, Chris Archer and Jessie Pflug – do their best to attract the interest of Ken Loney as they sing "Hey, Big Spender" at Sunday's Highlands Festival Singers concert at the Northern Lights Pavilion. More photos page 29.

Income statistics paint intriguing picture of county

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Are the people of Haliburton County the lowest paid in the province or are they comfortably middle-class? It depends on which side of the retirement divide you're standing.

Statistics Canada unveiled a fascinating portrait of the Highlands last week, using information from Census studies as well as other economic indicators.

On one hand, full-time workers in Haliburton County earn the least amount of anyone else in Ontario. They used to be second last, but Manitoulin recently inched past them. The 2005 median income for full-time, year-round employees as $32,79, compared to $33,995 in Manitoulin. The provincial median is $44,748. (With medians, half the population is above the figure, half is

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THE RE/MAX COLLECTION

Kennisis Lake

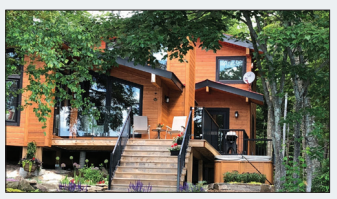
Ultimate privacy with 6.90 acres and 550 ft of clean clear shoreline. Granite walkways and patios. Over 4000 sq ft of living space. This custom built "True North" log home has recently had numerous quality upgrades. Too many to mention. You'll appreciate them when you see them. 5 bdrms, 4 baths, full finished bsmt, insulated triple garage with finished loft.

$2,389,000

Spruce Lake

Custom built 3BR, 3 bath, waterfront home/cottage. With 25 acres, 225 ft of ftrg and Southern exposure. This private and peaceful property. open concept living with beautiful maple cabinetry. Cozy sunroom, gorgeous gazebo or stone patio with firepit. 2 BR guest cottage. Wheelchair accessible.

$1,399,000



Kennisis Lake

Looking for a yr-rnd home or a 4-season cottage? Breathtaking 3-bdrm, 2 bath home. Custom built kitchen w/ granite countertops, built-in appliances, lrg island & much more. Low maintenance property is very energy efficient. 4 season sunroom. Ramps, paths & staircases suitable for all ages. 4 season bunkie & double car garage.

$1,150,000

Colbourne Lake

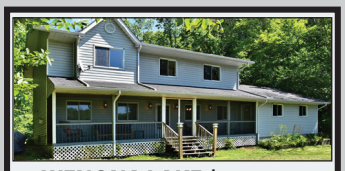
Enjoy being close to nature in a quiet, private and peaceful setting. 4 BR, 2 bath log home/cottage. 25 acres of mature trees. Stunning open concept living. Engineered hardwood flooring, granite countertops and walk-out to covered wraparound deck. Heated workshop with loft.

$999,000

Kennisis Lake

Low maintenance 4 season cottage. 4 bdrm, 1 Bath. Open concept. Oversized dining area perfect for hosting. Large deck with glass railing. Lots of space for the whole family to stay. Additional living space in bunkie. Beautifully landscaped maintenance free property. Granite flower beds and stairway to water. Ample privacy and much more.

$899,000



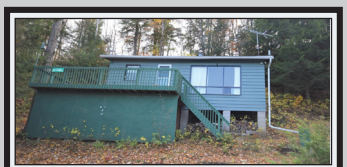
WENONA LAKE $662,000
Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or waterfront home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frtg with stunning western views.

HALIBURTON LAKE $619,000
Meticulously cared for 3 BR, 2 bath year round home/cottage. Private lot perfect for children to play. 176 ft ftrg. Beautiful sandy beach, dock and full sun. Bright open concept living. Fully finished lower level. Enjoy the stunning views of nature. Detached single garage.

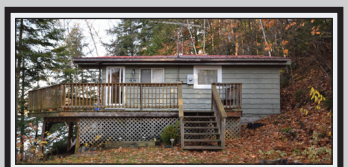
KENNISIS LAKE $569,000
It's all about the lot!! Enjoy the gorgeous sunsets from this west facing level lot. Amazing rock shoreline, deep water entry is great for the avid swimmers. 125 ft frontage and year round road. Looking for a fixer upper this one is for you! 3 bdrms 2 with balconies.

CARROLL ROAD $559,500
Every nature lovers dream! 3 bdrm, 2 bath rustic log home perfectly situated on 92ac. Deck around the front & side to enjoy your lovely yard, gardens & forest. Complete and utter privacy! Open concept kitchen-dining finished with wood cabinetry and grand wood cookstove. Large 3 bay garage.

TWELVE MILE LAKE $558,000
Offering a million-dollar view and spectacular sunsets! Bright open concept custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home. Floor to ceiling windows providing stunning lake views. Finished lower level. Cozy 3 season cedar screened in porch.



LONG LAKE $499,900
Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy.



MISKWABI LAKE $486,900
Turnkey 3 bdrm, 4 season cottage. Open concept living space. Finished with pine walls and ceilings, gives the true cottage feel. Recently installed laminate flooring throughout, indoor sauna. This property has it all! Walk-out to wrap around deck. Bunkie for additional living space.

NESBITT ROAD $399,999
Recently renovated 4 bdrm, 2 bath home. Beautifully treed level lot. Many recent upgrades include new roof, fully renovated bathrooms, luxury vinyl flooring throughout, blown-in insulation and much more. Finished lower level, large deck and heated attached double car garage.

PERCY LAKE $379,000
Great traditional family cottage! 4 Bdrm, 1 bath cottage has open concept living space finished w/ laminate flooring and wood interior boasts cottage charm. Large lakefront deck. Southern exposure. The list doesn't stop there, sauna building at waters edge, large sitting deck and dock.

CONTAU LAKE $339,000
Charming seasonal waterfront cottage.100 ft of frontage. 3 bdrms, 1 bath. Spacious eat-in kitchen and gorgeous lake views from the living room. Storage shed, easily converted to Bunkie Good swimming off large floating dock. Seller is installing a new septic.

AIRPORT ROAD $259,000
We found the perfect starter or retirement home for you! 1.10-ac level lot surrounded by mature trees. Cozy 2-bdrm, 1 bath home with open concept kitchen and living space. In-floor radiant heat and recently installed vinyl flooring throughout. Attached oversized single insulated garage.

VACANT LOTS

Drag Lake $499,000 7.24AC
West Lake $349,000 0.60AC
SOLD Otter Lake $289,000 67.9AC
Colborne Lake $289,000 4.83AC
NEW LISTING Paddys Bay $259,000 45.72AC
Contau Lake $165,000 1.33AC
Harburn Road $99,000 44+AC
Irondale River $65,000 3.22AC
Trappers Trail $49,900 0.93AC
SOLD Deep Bay Rd $49,000 3.05 AC
SOLD Wonderland Road $39,500 1.36AC
SOLD Tattersal Road $37,000 1.03AC
Fred Jones Road $34,500 6.59AC
Twist Lane $27,900 0.43 AC
Fred Jones Road $25,000 0.38AC

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